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CLAIMS

1. (original) An ablative composition, comprising:
an ablative material adapted to be applied to a surface;
an intumescent material intermixed with at least a portion of the ablative material to form the ablative composition ; and
wherein the ablative composition forms a thermal protection layer for the surface.
2. (original) The ablative composition of claim 1, wherein the intumescent material is intermixed with only a portion of the thickness of the ablative material.